

# United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of West Virginia

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Number of Judgeships: 1

## Court Staff

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## Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Patrick M. Flatley

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**Patrick M. Flatley**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2006

## Staff

Law Clerk **Ryan Johnson** ..... (304) 233-1655  
Law Clerk **Lori Scott** ..... (304) 233-1655

# United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

Robert C. Byrd U.S. Courthouse, 300 Virginia Street East,  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Tel: (304) 347-3000 Fax: (304) 347-3007  
Internet: www.wvds.uscourts.gov

Number of Judgeships: 5

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming

## Court Staff

Clerk of Court [District] **Teresa L. Deppner** ..... (304) 347-3000  
Education: Marshall 1988 BA  
Chief Probation Officer **Ted Philyaw** ..... (304) 347-3300  
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West Virginia MPA  
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West Virginia 1976 MS  
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# United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia continued

Deputy Clerk-in-Charge - Parkersburg  
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## Chambers of Chief Judge David A. Faber

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P.O. Box 4278, Bluefield, WV 24701  
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**David A. Faber**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: West Virginia 1964 BA; Yale 1967 JD; Virginia 1998 LLM  
Began Service: December 27, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Special Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, United States Department of Justice (1988-1990); United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, United States Department of Justice (1982-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Associate and Partner, Dayton Campbell & Love (and successor firms) (1967-1981); Partner, Spilman, Thomas, Battle & Klostermeyer (1987-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1968-1972); United States Air Force Reserve (1973); United States Naval Reserve (1973-1978); West Virginia Air National Guard (1978-1992); United States Air Force Reserve (1992-1998)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Former United States Attorneys; West Virginia Bar Association; West Virginia State Bar

## Staff

Law Clerk **K. Adrienne Binnall** ..... (304) 347-3173  
Education: George Mason 2005 JD  
Law Clerk **J. Michael Showalter** ..... (304) 347-3174  
Education: Columbia AB; Vanderbilt JD  
Career Law Clerk **Allison Cox Skinner** ..... (304) 327-8144  
Education: William & Mary 1999 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Cindy Lilly** ..... (304) 327-8144  
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## Chambers of District Judge John Thomas Copenhaver, Jr.

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**John Thomas Copenhaver, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1925  
Education: West Virginia 1947 AB, 1950 LLB  
Began Service: September 26, 1976  
Appointed By: President Gerald Ford  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, College of Law, West Virginia University (1970-1976); Faculty Member, Federal Judicial Center (1970-1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Ben Moore, United States District Court (1950-1951)

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court (1958-1976)

**Legal Practice:** Copenhaver & Copenhaver (1951-1958)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1944-1946)

# Chambers of District Judge John Thomas Copenhaver, Jr. continued

## Staff

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## Chambers of District Judge Joseph Robert Goodwin

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**Joseph Robert Goodwin**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: West Virginia 1965 BS, 1970 JD  
Began Service: May 15, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



**Legal Practice:** Partner, Goodwin & Goodwin (1970-1995)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1965-1967)

## Staff

Law Clerk **Matthew O. Gatewood** ..... (304) 347-3192  
Education: Washington and Lee 2005 JD  
Law Clerk **Rodney A. Smith** ..... (304) 347-3192  
Education: West Virginia 2004 JD  
Law Clerk **S. Ryan White** ..... (304) 347-3192  
Education: West Virginia 2005 JD  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk **Robin Clark** ..... (304) 347-3192  
Court Reporter **Lisa A. Cook** ..... (304) 347-3192

## Chambers of District Judge Robert C. Chambers

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**Robert C. Chambers**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Marshall 1974 AB;  
West Virginia 1978 JD  
Began Service: October 17, 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Legal Counsel, West Virginia State Senate (1978); Member, West Virginia House of Delegates (1978-1996); Speaker of the House, West Virginia House of Delegates (1986-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Chambers & Chambers (1978-1984); Attorney, Chambers, Chambers & Heilmann (1984-1992); Attorney, Guy M. Bucci, L.C. (1994-1996); Partner, Bucci & Chambers L.C. (1996-1997)

**Current Memberships:** West Virginia State Bar

## Staff

Law Clerk **Shane Cralle** ..... (304) 528-7583

# Chambers of District Judge Robert C. Chambers continued

Law Clerk **Heather Volik** ..... (304) 528-7583  
Term Expires: September 2007  
Career Law Clerk **Sandra Mickle Slack** ..... (304) 528-7583  
Education: West Virginia 1992 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Terry Justice** ..... (304) 528-7583  
Court Reporter **Terry Ruffner** ..... (304) 528-7583

## Chambers of District Judge Thomas E. Johnston

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**Thomas E. Johnston**  
District Judge

Education: West Virginia BA, 1992 JD  
Began Service: April 17, 2006

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, West Virginia - Northern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice

## Staff

Law Clerk **William C. Ballard** ..... (304) 253-2438  
Began Service: 2006  
Education: North Carolina 2001 JD  
Law Clerk **Ellen Frances Carey** ..... (304) 253-2438  
Began Service: 2006  
Education: Suffolk 2003 JD  
Law Clerk **Kevin J. Cimino** ..... (304) 253-2438  
Education: West Virginia 2006 JD  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk **Kierstin K. Tudor** ..... (304) 253-2438  
Education: Concord 1992 BA  
Court Reporter **Teresa L. Harvey** ..... (304) 253-2438

## Chambers of Magistrate Judge Maurice G. Taylor, Jr.

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**Maurice G. Taylor, Jr.**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: West Virginia 1964 BS, 1967 LLB  
Began Service: 1971  
Term Expires: September 30, 2008

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Sidney Christie, United States District Court for the District of West Virginia (1967-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1969-1976)

**Current Memberships:** Cabell County Bar Association; West Virginia State Bar Association

## Staff

Law Clerk **Mary C. Taylor** ..... (304) 529-5709  
Education: West Virginia 1982 BS, 1986 JD  
Secretary **Jennifer Honaker** ..... (304) 529-5709